

MILITARY TRAINING CAMP FOR MODERN MINUTE MEN

Citizens in Many Walks of Life Enroll for Tour of Duty at Plattsburg
Next Month—Plan Is to Extend Scope of Student Camps,
Now in Their Third Year



Site of the Training Camp at Plattsburg.

PLATTSBURG, N. Y., is in a fair way to go down in history as the birthplace of the movement that brought Americans to an effective realization of the military unpreparedness of the country. This is predicting a great deal, no doubt, because organizations are multiplying that are bent upon creating a public sentiment in favor of an ample navy and a military reserve big enough to cope with any possible invader. But it is deeds that count and the military training camp at Plattsburg is to be a place of deeds.

"We mean to do something. We intend that every section of these United States shall be aroused and that every man that has a drop of red blood in him shall have a chance to prove his readiness to help the nation to uphold its dignity if force of arms be needed."

"We don't intend to talk. There has been enough of that. It is our purpose to get ready and to fit ourselves to help to lead the citizen soldiery that may have to serve."

In this fashion a member of the enrollment committee of the military training camp for business and professional men explained the purpose of this latest patriotic movement.

The undergraduate military training camps are now in their third year, and most people are reasonably familiar with their purpose and what they have already accomplished. Therefore, the question may be asked why this separate organization has been called into being. Gen. Leonard Wood has recently answered this question in the following manner:

"In view of the fact that many men of the type and general qualifications but somewhat older than the average of the men who have heretofore attended college camps, are expressing a desire to receive similar instruction, and as the prospects are that we shall have over six hundred at Plattsburg, I feel that it would be better policy to establish a separate camp, immediately following the first and extending to September 6."

"I am delighted to find so much interest in these instruction camps and to note the constantly increasing number of men who are coming to them. The movement is an excellent one and has received the strongest endorsement of the President and the War Department and the various university presidents, and is one which has my own most earnest support and approval."

Addressing the Harvard Club a short while ago Gen. Wood reminded those present of a conversation he had a few years ago with the late Field Marshal Lord Roberts, whom he had met on the continent of Europe, where both had gone at the invitation of the Kaiser to witness the grand maneuvers of the German army. Lord Roberts pointed out the need of a big and flexible organization of citizen soldiers and prophesied that the day was coming when England would agree to such a qualified force to draw upon. It is well known that Lord Roberts' project was ridiculed. He was called little short of an agitator.

Gen. Wood realized the wisdom of Lord Roberts' views, and he has not hesitated to say that we are likely to find ourselves in the same predicament as England if we fail to look ahead and make ready.

That particular address at the Harvard Club has an interesting background, for it grew out of the after dinner chat of a few men, some of them college graduates and others men of business who had not had college training. One of the party was in Italy just before war was declared last year and he related an experience he had there.

By chance he was thrown with a cosmopolitan group representing a number of widely scattered nations. The conversation naturally turned to the growing danger of war. In the group was a typically urbane Japanese. Just as he might have referred to the charms of the day he smilingly remarked:

"The United States is pretty nearly fat enough for killing," and through his shining teeth he drew his breath with that subtle sound so characteristic of the Orient.

The American present was a man of wide reading and he had gleaned a good deal from many sources about the land and the methods of the natives

TRAINING CAMP RULES.

Each applicant must be an American citizen and must pledge himself to attend the training camp for the full period of four weeks unless unforeseen circumstances prevent. Upon his arrival at Plattsburg he will deposit the sum of \$30 to cover his entire expenses while there.

Each man must take—

- 1 pair light shoes; medium weight socks.
- 1 pair light shoes or sneakers; summer underwear.
- 2 pairs of olive drab breeches.
- 1 pair leggings, regular pattern.
- 2 olive drab shirts.
- 1 army blouse.
- 1 campaign hat and hat cord. Toilet articles and other necessities. Bathing trunks or suits are recommended.

It is recommended that typhoid prophylaxis inoculation be taken at the camp, or before if preferred. There will be no charge for this service if deferred until reaching Plattsburg.

Those that have been members of the National Guard or have had other military experience may attend for less than the prescribed period. As the military training is progressive, the latter part of the camp is recommended for such men.

Men of sufficient experience will be used as officers and non-commissioned officers for the various organizations.

The camp opens on August 10 and will continue to September 6.

of the Far East. The patience of the Oriental is proverbial, and no less persistent is his determination to be revenged, possibly not to-day in the heat of anger, but surely the day when cunning preparation has made the chances of success more certain. To the American there was something like a warning in that remark about our national growth and the implied physical unreadiness to resist attack. It struck in the American's mind.

"In the light of after events, and the sacrifices of the present war paid by the unprepared, the words of that Japanese gathered additional significance. The American asked himself: 'What could we do if those little brown fellows attacked us?'

This was the story he told his friends at the dinner here, and they in their turn were impressed. One of them said with some heat:

"What's the use of talk? Why can't we do something? Why can't we begin right here and plan a campaign of education for ourselves so that we may be more useful, and enlist the cooperation of others to the same end."

"Why not use the college clubs as machinery for our purpose? We don't have to create new ways and means. The clubs are scattered all over the country. We can use them to reach thousands of alumni and students. Those men get in touch with other men who are not college graduates."

"We fellows here know plenty of others that have just the sand in their getup to respond to a proposition of this sort—men engaged in all sorts of responsible activities. The college ties in opening the camp. The time was short and it was realized that most business and professional men had already made their plans for the summer—plans that concerned not only their own convenience but perhaps that of associates and the welfare of the business."

The surprising part of it, though, is that inside of a few weeks the enrolments have increased from a handful until now they are well over 500. Indeed, as returns come in from widely scattered parts of the country it is not improbable that the camp at Plattsburg will open on August 10 with something like 1,000 men.

Nothing is more suggestive in this movement than the spirit of sacrifice which enrolment has evoked. A few instances will suffice to illustrate this point.

One young business man ordinarily takes his vacation in the winter, while his partner has his outing during the hot season. The partner is not going

course which will be theirs. As one man put it:

"We are expected to go there with our eyes and ears very much on the job. It is up to us to do the thinking. Self-reliance of that sort is the thing that counts on the field of battle or when measuring terms with a cunning foe. We don't intend to be outclassed by the undergraduates, although they have set us a pretty stiff pace. Wait until the officers in charge make their reports to the War Department! We older fellows won't have to make any excuses."

One of the most impressive aspects of this organization is the character of the men that are coming to the front. A large number of them have figured prominently in business, in professional life or in their academic work. Others are conspicuous socially. Many of them are known the country over because of their athletic achievements in their college years.

They are going into this instructional camp with the same spirit and determination to win that inspired them when they took their turns on the cinder track and at the training tables of their alma maters. Further than that young men of independent means who have heretofore made their summer one long holiday are now cutting out all plans for enjoyment of that sort. Those that can be turning aside from their wonted pleasures to promote recruiting.

The metamorphosis in some cases is little short of astonishing, and these fellows know that they have got to work and work hard in the weeks to come at Plattsburg. They are among the very keenest for the task ahead.

A pretty fair indication of what the movement means can be gathered from the way the present recruiting has been pushed in the short period available. At the present time the enrollment committee here, Room 25, 15 Broad street, hundreds of circulars and enrollment blanks are going out daily, and the college clubs all over the country are vying with the local organization in reaching likely material.

Indeed, one group of members have pledged themselves to get in touch directly with 5,000 others, and each of these others in turn obligates himself to interest personally five more, and these are expected to enlist three more men in the cause. This of course is looking to the future and planning for the camps that this league of business and professional men counts upon having next year. The plan is to have five of these camps for the summer of 1916, and to have these at mustering strategic points the country over.

One of these would be on the West coast, another in the middle West north, a third in the middle West south, a fourth at some point convenient for Southerners, say Chickamauga, and the fifth probably at Plattsburg. The aim of the men back of the movement is to make it clear that the third has no sectional identification. This attitude is carried to such a point that none of the original promoters wish their names to be made public.

They want the project to stand on its own merits and to be countrywide in its business and appeal. The desire is to make it plain that the North and the South, the East and the West are to be united in a practical effort toward preparedness. It is not a propaganda for college men only; the league has simply made use of the machinery of the college clubs to reach quickly every corner of the Union.

The ambition of each recruit is to qualify himself by a period of intensive training, plus the previous experience of his career, for a non-commissioned officer's rating, this to lead to official recommendation for a lieutenant's commission in the event of a hostile emergency. The raw fighting man, no matter what be the measure of his valor, is little besides mere "cannon fodder," as the present conflict has disclosed. Soldiers led by imperfectly trained officers have not a chance when confronted by others of equal mettle guided by officers of proper education and experience.

Here is where the element of efficient leadership counts as much to-day as ever. But leadership now is not confined to gallant example at the time

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